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SUBJECT: ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD VOICES CANADIAN OIL SHORTAGE FEARS
DUE MIDDLE EAST WAR

1. BOTH TORONTO STAR AND OTTAWA JOURNAL OF OCTOBER 17 HEADLINE
INCREASING DANGER POSED BY MIDDLE EAST WAR TO CANADIAN OIL
SUPPLIES AND QUOTE ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD AS RAISING OTTAWA
FEARS AT ENERGY SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
ON OCTOBER 16.

2. TORONTO STAR REPORTS MACDONALD PLANS TO MEET WITH OIL
INDUSTRY NEXT WEEK TO DEVELOP EMERGENCY PLANS TO SUPPLY EASTERN
CANADA IF ARAB STATES HALT OIL FLOW. REPORT STATES ARAB
NATIONS SUPPLY CANADA WITH 25 PERCENT OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS,
COMPARED WITH 53 PERCENT FROM VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA, IRAN
14 PERCENT, AND NIGERIA 8 PERCENT. HOWEVER, MACDONALD INDICATED
IMPORTS FROM NON-ARAB STATES MIGHT ALSO BE REDUCED IN ORDER TO
DIVIDE THEIR OIL SUPPLIES AMONG OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

3. MACDONALD ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID SHIPPING OF ALBERTA OIL
EASTWARD WOULD BE ONE WAY OF AIDING EASTERN CANADA IN EVENT
OF IMPORT EMERGENCY. THIS, HOWEVER, PRESS NOTES, WOULD ALMOST
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CERTAINLY CUT INTO OIL EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES.

4. PRESS ALSO MENTIONS PREVIOUS CANADA-US NEGOTIATIONS ON EMERGENCY PLANS TO DEAL WITH SIMILAR SITUATIONS, WITH MACDONALD QUOTED AS STATING THAT THESE TALKS ENDED IN STALEMATE SOME MONTHS AGO "BECAUSE THE ONLY POSSIBLE AGREEMENT THAT COULD BE REACHED WAS SO ONE-SIDED AND AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF CANADA."

5. BOTH PAPERS REPORT THAT MACDONALD INDICATED EMERGENCY OIL ALLOCATIONS WILL BE ONE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN OTTAWA NEXT WEEK WITH GOVERNOR LOVE.
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